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1. INDIAN EMBOFF TOLD ME THAT ABSENCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE
FOLLOWING FORMIN SINGH VISIT (REFTEL) WAS BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT
ON TWO ISSUES: IRAQ REFUSED TO GIVE FULL ENDORSEMENT TO INDIA' S
POSITION ON POW ISSUE BECAUSE IT DID NOT WHISH TO OFFEND PAKISTAN;
AND INDIA REFUSED IRAQI REQUEST TO CONDEMN IRAN SINCE IT IS
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AGAINST INDIA'S POLICY TO CONDEMN A COUNTRY AS OPPOSED TO SPECIFIC ISSUE OR POLICY.

2. EMBOFF CONFIRMED THAT FORMIN SINGH HAD NOT RPT NOT MADE STATEMENT IN PRESS CONFERENCE CRITICAL OF IRAN FOR " ATTEMPTING TO DOMINATE GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN FOR FOREIGN COUNTRY" (REFTEL). HE SAID FORMIN SINGH HAD NOT PROTESTED TO GOI OVER PUBLICATION OF THIS STATEMENT BUT HE HAD TOLD IRAQIS THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TELL IRANIANS THE TRUTH. INDIAN EMBOFF SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD SAT IN ON SINGH MEETING WITH FORMIN ABDUL BAQI AND SINGH HAD CONFIDENTIALLY EXPRESSED INDIA'S CONCERN OVER IRAN'S ARMAMENT PROGRAM AND INTENTIONS.

3. SEMI- OFFICIAL BAGHDAD OBSERVER REPORTED JUNE 18 THAT IRQA HAS DECIDED TO AWARD INDIA'S OIL AND NATURAL GAS COMMISSION (ONGC) A 4,175 SQUARE KILOMETER CONCESSION FOR EXPLORATION. IN EVENT OIL DISCOVERED, ONGC WILL BE ENTITLED TO SHARE AT HIGHLY CONCESSIONAL PRICE AND WILL ALSO HAVE OPTION TO LIFT IRAQI SHARE AT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRICE. PAPER SAID THIS WAS FIRST TIME ONGC WOULD UNDERTAKE OIL EXPLORATION ON ITS OWN.

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